First Day Of School For Children’s Education Center Of The Islands

Ms. Colleen with her class

Even the rainy weather couldn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the children and teachers at The Children’s Education Center of the Islands on the first day of school, August 8. Although the kids stayed indoors, there was plenty of singing, continued on page 8

Shell Museum Gives Parents A Break With Special Resort Program

In response to an identified need introduced by lodging partners throughout Lee County, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum has developed a resort program called Children Play... Parents May?

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Fall Photo Workshop In Maine

The 4th annual Maine Fall Foliage Photography Workshop is slated again for peak color season in the Rangeley Lakes Region, September 27 to October 4, hosted by island photographer David Meardon. Joining Meardon again is photo educator James Corwin Johnson of Bradenton, who for many years was director of photography resources at Yosemite National Park. This week-long workshop is on the shores of pristine Rangeley Lake. Participants stay in historic lakefront log cabins near the western Maine resort village.

Settled over 150 years ago, the town of Rangeley is steeped in history and offers panoramic lake and mountain views, moose, deer, and loon sightings, as well as waterfalls, winding country roads, and plenty of old New England charm.

Daily photo excursions include: Smalls Falls, Height of the Land, the Rangeley Overlook, Eustis Ridge, and Grafton Notch.

All this is set in a landscape bursting with reds, yellows, and oranges as maples, birch, and poplars create a splendid scene amid the lakes and evergreens. Workshop participants will receive hands-on advice in the field on camera techniques, composition, and lighting. Back at the cabins, daily group and individualized tutorials are shared fireside, aimed at optimizing images through Photoshop and other programs.

Workshop attendees have come from as far away as India. One participant, Bailey Williams from Mississippi, said, “The trip to Rangeley was very informative, a lot of fun, and great shooting. I think all of us came back home much better photographers.”

For information about the workshop, contact Meardon at 472-2346, or visit www.sanibelphoto.com. Johnson can be reached at 813-263-2702 or visit www.jamescorwinjohnson.com.

Annual Bag Day At Noah’s Ark

Noah’s Ark, the thrift shop of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church at 2304 Periwinkle Way, will hold Bag Day on Friday, August 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Customers buy bags for $3 and fill them with merchandise such as clothing, kitchen tools, bric-a-brac and hardware. Items too large to fit in a bag will be sold at 80 percent off the original price.

The shop will be closed between August 13 and October 3. Donations of items for sale will not be accepted between August 8 and September 1. During the month of October, the shop will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Noah’s Ark, staffed by church volunteers, donates proceeds of sales to local, nationwide and worldwide charities.
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American Legion Post 123 News

Sunday, August 14 is Doug Fresh’s BBQ ribs and chicken dinner, served with beans and potato salad, from 1 to 8 p.m. at American Legion Post 123. Cost is $10.

Nine Ball pool tournaments are played every Monday night starting at 6 p.m. This week’s winners for match one were Richard McCurry taking first and Barbara Bender took second. Winner for match two was Dennis Bender and Richard McCurry took second.

Texas hold ‘em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Players are welcome.

Every Friday the Legion serves a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich all day. Known for the best cheeseburger on the island, stop in and try one of the Legion’s half-pounders. Check out the daily specials and the entire menu. Food is served all day, every day. The public is welcome.

American Legion Post 123 is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m., located at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 472-9979.

Republican Women Lunch

Lee Republican Women will meet Monday, September 12. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. with lunch and program to follow. The location is the Hilton Garden Inn-Fort Myers at 12601 University Drive. Admission is $16.00 all inclusive. For reservations, call 432-9389 or email cindylignelli222@gmail.com.

September’s speaker is Sharon Day, co-chair of the Republican National Committee.

Contact for the Lee Republican Woman is Michele Duryea, president, at micheleduryea@embarqmail.com or 280-7653.

Matlacha Bridge Replacement

Beginning Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., August 14, the Matlacha Bridge will be reduced to one lane of traffic through the overnight hours until 6 a.m. Monday morning. Motorists should expect delays.

The bridge will be reduced to one lane in order to stage equipment to pour concrete for a bridge pier footing. Flagmen will be on site to direct traffic.

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Center 4 Life Programs

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at Center 4 Life and all ages are welcome. Island Seniors, Inc. members can buy coupon booklets from the City of Sanibel at the center, 2401 Library Way, or at the Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Booklets of 12 coupons are $42 or three coupons for $10.50. Members of the Sanibel Recreation Center need only to show their photo membership card.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Class begins with a joke from a member and ends with a positive thought for the day. The format is 45 minutes of cardio, five minutes of flexibility with simple yoga poses. Strengthen, lengthen and gain flexibility. Sandi McDougall is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga With Kris Brown – Designed to stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Chairs and mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

Kayaking on Tuesdays – August 23, September 13 and 27. This non-competitive outing is perfect for people who enjoy the outdoor world. There is space for 16 people on our eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. The center supplies the kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is $5 for members and $10 for non-members per trip. Members of Island Seniors have first priority. Come by the center to sign up.

Discovering Florida Daytrips – August 24. The group will travel to the Morean Art Center in St. Petersburg, Florida to see the new Chihuly collection. There will be lunch at 400 Beach with a tour of the glass studio and hot shop. The fee is $79 for members of Island Seniors and $89 for non-members.

Wii Wednesdays – 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Come in or call to sign up to use the game. Free for Island Seniors members.

Florida Daytrips – August 19 at 6 p.m., Parrot Key Caribbean Grill & Sunset Cruise. Join the group at Salty Sam’s Marina. Following dinner, board the pirate ship for a sunset cruise. Members will be charged $10 towards their entrée (everyone must order an entrée to take advantage of the free cruise). Non-members pay full price for their entrées. Carpooling will be available.

Fabulous Fun Fridays – 12:30 p.m. Stop by to watch a movie and have some popcorn. No charge.

Knit Wits Needed – Join in if you would like to knit or crochet your holiday gifts.

Gentle Yoga on Fridays Happy Hour Fitness 9 a.m.

Tuesdays Gentle Yoga 9:30 a.m.

Knit Wits 12:30 p.m.

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Shell Museum Seeks Volunteers

Are you looking for a rewarding way to donate a few hours of your time? Do you have a love for people and shells? If so, then the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum would be a great place to spend some quality moments with other shell lovers.

Volunteer opportunities can be customized to suit your skills, interests and schedule, so you don’t have to be a shell expert to help at the shell museum. If you know something about shells, there are things to do with the public or behind the scenes. If not, perhaps you and other volunteers can chat about your summer plans while you prepare membership mailings.

All volunteers are provided with on-site training and orientation, a museum membership, and store and event discounts. Volunteers living off-island will receive Sanibel causeway toll reimbursements.

“There are so many places that volunteers can make a difference,” said Diane Thomas, public program specialist for the museum. “Their talents allow us to inform and educate visitors and ensure that they get the most out of their visit to the museum.”

Exhibit Hall docent Patricia Williams of Fort Myers signed on as a volunteer four years ago. “It’s a really interesting job,” she said. “There’s certainly a lot more to shells than one would imagine. I think I learn something new every time I come. It’s just a really fun, interesting way to spend a few hours.”

Current volunteer opportunities include:

- Curatorial Assistant: Organize the shells in the scientific reference selection. (Does not require shell expertise; mentoring will be provided)
- Education or Group Docent: Work with scheduled student and adult tour groups (which may include beach walks and shelling talks). Docents participate in a structured program designed to educate the public about shells and mollusks, their role in the environment, and conservation practices related to mollusks.
- Education Office: Assist the education team with mailings, copying, data input, and information preparation of hands-on activities for the public and adopt-a-class teacher support materials.
- Educational Programs and Tour Guide: Conduct public presentations and tours for both permanent and special exhibitions (including live touch tank) designed for school groups and adult tour groups.
- Exhibit Hall Docent: Provide interpretive services for visitors regarding museum exhibits and the importance of shells in the natural world.
- Library: Help with cataloging, sorting, storage, data entry and retrieval.
- Museum Store: Assist with the daily store operations, stock inventory, wrap packages, and help customers. (Volunteers applying for this position must be willing to learn to operate the computerized cash register and enter sales transactions.)
- Office Assistant: Process mailings, input data, and assist with various office tasks.
- Public Relations/Marketing/Graphic Design: Assist with newsletter and collateral material development, PSA and press release development and distribution, survey development and analysis, database management, writing and editing.
- Special Events: Provide support by serving in museum booths at community events, helping with craft activities, or guiding visitors through museum gallery.
- Junior/Youth Docent (trained volunteers between the ages of 12 and 18): Help museum visitors and/or campers better understand and appreciate the importance of mollusks and their shells - in nature, history, and culture (includes live touch tank).

Anyone interested in receiving additional volunteer information should contact Diane Thomas at dothomas@shellmuseum.org 395-2233.
Treasured Boardwalk Is Allowed To Stay
by Anne Mitchell

Mariner Pointe Condominiums owners are so attached to their bayside boardwalk, they were prepared to let it and the seawall that supports it to fall into the water in disrepair rather than lose it.

The issue was that to rebuild the seawall, contractors would have to remove the five-foot wide boardwalk – but the code doesn’t allow for a nonconforming structure in the bay beach zone to be replaced or substantially improved.

The treasured boardwalk is a relic of Sanibel’s pre-incorporation days and does not meet current codes. So when seawall repairs became necessary, owners faced the prospect of losing the decking that’s used for baywatching, fishing and hanging out.

After nearly three hours of debate Tuesday, the Sanibel Planning Commission voted unanimously to direct planning staff to prepare the necessary documents for approval, subject to conditions outlined in the staff report and any documentation requested.

Commissioners stressed that the decision was site specific and not a precedent for other communities.

The planning commission on Tuesday was willing to grant a conditional use permit for 900 feet of seawall but there were questions as to whether the boardwalk’s replacement cost constituted more than 50 percent of its value – the criterion for determining substantial improvement.

Commissioner Chuck Kettelman wondered whether the contractor could get around the problem by putting the planks aside while the seawall was being built and then replacing them afterwards.

Brett Stokes, of Stokes Marine, contractor for the project, said it could be done but he was reluctant, asking what was the logic between doing that and replacing it with new timber.

Stokes noted that the residents of Mariner Pointe are so attached to their boardwalk they would rather “allow the seawall and boardwalk to fall into the water before they will do any repairs” that would cause the loss of the boardwalk. It had been noted that if the boardwalk was destroyed in a storm or other disaster, under the city’s rules, it could be rebuilt.

Commissioner Chris Heidrich said, “I am struggling to see what is the public benefit of forcing the applicant to do something that the applicant could do (seawall repairs) right away” that would cause the loss of the boardwalk. It had been noted that if the boardwalk was destroyed in a storm or other disaster, under the city’s rules, it could be rebuilt.

Commissioner Tom Krekel agreed, saying, “We should not use the damage to the boardwalk (during seawall repairs) as a reason to deny them to replace the boardwalk because it is no fault of their own.”

City May Act On Abandoned Properties
by Anne Mitchell

Does Sanibel need an ordinance to deal with abandoned homes that become nuisances and eyesores? John Wysocki, who lives in Seagull Estate, believes some action is long overdue.

He cited a home near the entrance of his subdivision that has been in deteriorating condition for at least five years.

“It is really an eyesore,” he told the planning commission on Tuesday, and described its condition as “devastation.”

He said, “This comes up in our neighborhood association discussion monthly,” he said, even though it is not part of Seagull Estates. “This is a serious blight and it affects the values of properties throughout Seagull Estates.”

Planning Director Jim Jordan showed a PowerPoint presentation of various island homes with broken windows, siding hanging off, missing roof shingles and unkempt yards. Some had been gutted and permits pulled then abandoned. Others were still in disrepair following Hurricane Charley and one hadn’t been lived in for eight years, Jordan said.

The housing market slump has not spared Sanibel, though abandoned homes and buildings are not as prevalent as in some other Florida municipalities. There are about 20 such properties.

“I don’t want to give the impression it is a big problem… but it is a noticeable problem,” said Jordan.

“If it is in your neighborhood, it is a big problem,” commented Commissioner Chuck Kettelman.

So far, he said, the city has handled some of the problems but there are safety concerns and worry that children will enter such homes.

“We have gotten full compliance so far,” Jordan said, but we recognize that the codes really don’t deal with the broad issue.”

He said, “We don’t want it to be totally punitive, but to have some flexibility. This is an open dialog for now.”

He wants more input from the legal department and from others, including bankers, people trying to sell their homes and neighbors of homes in foreclosure.

In its draft form, the proposed ordinance would require owners to register their nuisance, abandoned, vacant, defaulted and foreclosed properties and provide a local contact. It would establish inspection criteria, fees and an abatement plan, among others.

City Attorney Ken Cuyler said the idea will have to go before the city council for consideration and may not result in legislation.

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Sanibel Recreation Department Volunteer Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognized Pat "Kair" Crysler as Volunteer of the Month. Crysler has been active in the community since moving to Sanibel in 1974. She has been a volunteer at the Sanibel Recreation Department for nine years. Crysler currently volunteers as an office assistant, although in her early volunteering career she was involved in live shell committees, sea life preservation organizations and water studies.

Crysler loves volunteering at the Sanibel Recreation Center because she is able to see the children in the youth program enjoying the positive experiences and the upbeat atmosphere. She enjoys working with both children and the elderly. When asked about her volunteering experiences she said, "I served on other boards for the city over the years beginning in 1976. I truly enjoy my volunteer experiences and the people I work with."

Volunteer opportunities are now available. For information on joining your friends and neighbors who serve as recreation center volunteers call 472-0345.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Human Trafficking Class For Middle And High School Girls On Sanibel

A Human Trafficking ARTREACH class will be held at BIG ARTS after school on Monday August 22, August 29, September 12 and September 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. (no class on Labor Day.)

Since 2005, a Human Trafficking Task Force has operated under the auspices of the Lee County Sheriff’s Office and the number of cases, especially involving young American girls in sex trafficking has grown.

Since 2010, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, a Sanibel-based non-profit has been offering ARTREACH programs which use art as a means to educate young girls about the dangers of trafficking. Paintings done by past participants are on display at BIG ARTS through August.

Students will learn about human trafficking and the use of art as a means to educate others. They will receive community service credit and snacks and dinner will be provided at each class. The primary instructors are Nola Theiss, executive director of HTAP and Gari Lewis, art instructor as well as guest speakers and art instructors and volunteers who have been active in the Lee County Sheriff’s Human Trafficking Task Force.

All middle and high school girls are invited to participate. Information about the class is available through The Sanibel School and the Sanibel Recreation Center and is posted at http://www.humantraffickingawareness.org/announcements-mainmenu-46.html or by calling Nola Theiss at 292-3834. Transportation to BIG ARTS can be arranged after school. Enrollment is limited to 12 girls on a first-signed-up basis. Respond by August 19 at nola@humantraffickingawareness.org as the class is limited to the first 12 students. There is no fee for this class which is supported by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, BIG ARTS and the generosity of local restaurants.

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First Day Of School

laughter and excitement. Along with some new students, there is also a new teacher, Ms. Colleen, who will be teaching some of the three-year-olds. The kids spent their first day back listening to stories, playing music and reconnecting with friends.

Jewish Federation’s SAT Prep Class Lets You Learn More And Spend Less

The Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties is offering a special prep class series to help get local students ready for upcoming the SAT test on November 5.

The SAT test, a critical measure of scholarship, is the benchmark used by most colleges and universities for admission decisions. As such, they are crucial to a student’s success in higher education – and a long-term focus of learning for high school students.

Small class sizes and affordable tuition make the federation’s classes stand out. According to Naomi Rubin, the federation’s programming director, “Our course offers 35 hours of class time, small classes, professional teachers and individualized attention. We are a nonprofit organization, not a business. We provide the SAT classes in a professional manner, affordable to the whole community. Your child will enjoy the course as well as benefit from it.”

The classes are led by local professional educators with years of experience in SAT preparation.

Class fee is $355 and includes all course materials. A minimum of six students is necessary for this class to be held, and a maximum of 12 students will be accepted.

The 14-session classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, August 24, 29, 31, September 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, October 5, 17, 24, 26, and November 2.

Math classes are held Mondays, and classes for the verbal section are held Wednesdays. Sessions, which begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and conclude by 9 p.m., are held at the federation office at 9701 Commerce Center Court, Fort Myers (off Bass Road and Summerlin Road opposite Lexington County Club).

Openings are filling up fast. Classes are open to all local students on a first-come, first-served basis, and applications are available by calling the Federation at 481-4449 or online at www.JewishFederationLCC.org.

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Youngsters attending the Sanibel Recreation Summer Program receive a free pizza lunch every Friday, courtesy of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club and Island Pizza.

The pizza restaurant bakes and delivers the pizzas to the recreation center each week. The Optimists pay $1,000 and Island Pizza owner John Talmadge covers the rest of the cost.※
DOROTHY JONES RICHARDSON

Dorothy (Dotty) Jones Richardson died at home in Lutherville, Maryland, on June 28. She was 86.

She was born on December 21, 1924, in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 28. She was raised in Baltimore, graduating from the Bryn Mawr School in 1943. She attended Bryn Mawr College and majored in economics. She believed in and worked tirelessly for a variety of social causes, including Planned Parenthood and the United Way of Baltimore.

She first visited Sanibel in 1962 and began dividing her time between Maryland and Sanibel in 1984. In addition to travel, she loved visiting the JN Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge and was an active participant in Current Events and Wise Women.

She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy WR Messenger, of Lexington, Virginia; her son, William R. Richardson Jr., of Annapolis, Maryland, and three grandchildren. A memorial service was held on July 12 in Baltimore. Contributors can be made in her honor to two charities near and dear to her heart; FISH of Sanibel and Harry Chapin Food Bank in Fort Myers.

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This month, the guest speakers at the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club all have something to do with fishing and/or water quality. Last week, Dave Godfrey from the Bait Box shared some incredible stories about both topics. Godfrey showed up to the Bait Box in the early 1990s looking for employment after leaving the military. In true Ralph Woodring style, Godfrey was hired and put to work within hours that day. He says he has never looked back since he is able to get paid for doing something he loves – fishing. Esperanza Woodring was responsible for teaching him how to throw a cast net.

Godfrey has been a fishing guide for many years, but most recently his duties include running the Bait Box shrimp boat at night to catch bait for the following day. His job starts around sunset, and if all goes well, he is back at the dock by midnight. Of course, in addition to shrimp, Godfrey comes across many other types of fish in the nets. Recently he has seen more flounder, sugar trout, sea scallops and other species which had not been prevalent until this year. He claims the good water quality, and lack of red tide, have helped the fish spawns and the fishing has been great. Speaking of water quality, Godfrey is also an active member of START (Solutions To Avoid Red Tide). This grass roots organization, which includes several Kiwanians, does research focused on the control and mitigation of harmful algae blooms (HABs) such as red tide to help maintain coastal water quality.

Kiwanis is proud to be a sponsor once again of the upcoming START fundraiser called Cracker Fest which will take place on November 4 at the Bait Box. If you like to square dance or two step, eat a roasted pig or smoked mullet, and hear some great music outdoors in the fall, plan on attending.

In addition to START, Kiwanis is fortunately able to support more than 20 other local organizations during this tough economic year. If your organization could use a helping hand this year, speak to a Kiwanian about how we may assist. We are always happy to help. You may also learn more about Kiwanis by attending our Tuesday morning breakfast meetings at The Dunes.

Sanibel resident Darren “DJ” Jenkins finished his first official race at the Saturday, August 6 2011 Race for Trace, in honor of Tracey Kleinpell who died in a bicycle accident on the Sanibel Causeway in early May. DJ wore his “light up shoes so Tracy could see him run from Heaven.”

DJ will follow in Tracy’s Fit-Steps – the race’s slogan – and he now wants to run every race possible. DJ is 2-1/2 years old and lives on Sanibel with his grandmother Maggie Goldsmith, a personal trainer and instructor who taught with Tracy at several fitness facilities.
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Fee Waiver For ‘Innocent Buyers’ Opposed
by Anne Mitchell

Planning commissioners sounded off Tuesday on a topic that wasn’t on their agenda – Mayor Kevin Ruane’s move to have the city waive fees for “innocent bystanders” – home buyers who have to seek variances on inherited code violations.

The debate started when Councilman Doug Congress was giving the monthly council report to the commission on Tuesday.

Commissioner Paul Reynolds said allowing people not to take responsibility for not doing their due diligence is bad policy. “It’s caveat emptor,” he said.

Chairman Mike Valiquette said as a contractor, he spends a lot of time and money making sure all is in order for clients. “An overall fee change is not our business, but if it gives someone the ability to bypass the commission, I would have a problem with that.”

Commissioner Holly Smith disagreed, saying, “I really am taken back when everyone says you ought to know. People just don’t know. They might say they bought it in good faith and it has transferred several times…”

At Ruane’s suggestion, the city council on July 19 voted to have staff prepare an amendment to the land development code to allow the fee to be waived. Council will consider the wording at its September meeting. Ruane said two Shell Harbor residents approached him with a situation that cost them $2,850 each. He called them, “innocent bystanders.”

Commissioner Tom Krekel said any such waiver “would require each innocent buyer to be closely examined by the council, I would think.”

Memorial Veterinary Conference

On August 6 and 7, nearly 200 veterinarians, vet-technicians and practice managers from throughout the state of Florida gathered at the Sundial Beach Resort for the 30th annual Peter Piper Memorial Veterinary Conference. Named in honor of Miles Standish Piper, a veterinary pioneer from Lee County, the conference is designed to educate veterinary professionals and staff about the latest techniques, advances and breakthroughs in the profession.

There were over 20 speakers during the two-day conference, including keynote speaker Dr. Glen Hoffsis, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida.

Dr. Richard Carpenter, secretary/treasurer of the Caloosa Veterinary Medical Society, a local organization dedicated to the advancement of community education and charitable purposes helped coordinate the event and also invited local organizations ARC (Animal Refuge Center) and CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) to have a presence. Each set up a display area to educate the conference attendees about their respective missions.

A highlight for CROW was a visit to their booth by Dr. Olga Oliver, currently practicing veterinary medicine in Sarasota. Dr. Oliver was a visiting student at CROW in 1997, coming from her university in Spain for a six-week externship. She was thrilled to get the chance to reconnect with CROW and brought her family, some of whom were visiting from Spain, for a tour of the new CROW facilities.

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Consistent Summertime Action Continues

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Redfish and snook made up the majority of the action out on the water for me last week. Fishing continues to be very consistent with the best typical summertime action coming early and late in the day. A few mornings last week I did have to dodge a few coastal showers but with daily temperatures in the mid 90s the cooling rain was a nice break from the blazing mid-morning sun. During the periods of high tides redfish have been easy to locate and catch. Working keys in the southern sound with cut pinfish and cut ladyfish, 10 to 15 redfish mornings were the norm. Some spots would give up as many as five before we had to move further down the shoreline to get back on the action. These fish have been way up under the trees and this is when a well-placed cast can make all the difference in the world. The average size of these reds was from 17 to 25 inches. As soon as the tide dropped out a little, the redfish bite was over and it was time to move on to something else. Areas around Maciever Keys and Mason Island were both productive. The best snook bite could still be found in and around the passes. Either tide worked to get in on the catch-and-release snook action as long as the water was moving. The faster the current the better the bite seemed to be. Lower stages of the tide definitely bumped the fish up tighter though.

The basic pass rig remains the same with a live pinfish and a small sinker or split shot placed about a foot to 18 inches up the leader from the hook. Drift through the fast moving water letting the bait bounce along the bottom. These fish hang tight to the bottom in the fast moving current. This simple technique drew bite after bite. Adjust the amount of weight so you can feel the bottom during the drift. The snook caught were of all sizes with several real monsters lost after screaming runs. A 37-inch, 17-pounder was the biggest snook caught and released off my boat last week.

The passes can be very crowded with boats some days and there is nothing worse than one naive captain anchoring in the middle of the drift and messing up the drift fishing for everyone else. Not only can anchoring in the wrong spot not gain you any friends, it can also be dangerous with the fast moving current in the passes. If you are going to go fish the passes for the first time or are not familiar with how to do it, stay back and watch how the other boats do it for a while. Once you see how everyone else is drifting it, get in on the action. Keeping one person at the helm to operate the boat while drifting is a must. A little common sense can go along way when fishing in these often close quarters.

Another option for getting in on the pass action without having to deal with the boat traffic is to go at night, when it’s much quieter. In fact, most of the time you will have the pass all to yourself, especially if you go mid-week. With little to no other angling pressure on the fish, if you pick a good tide the bite can really be epic. It’s also a great way to stay out of the heat of the summer sun and get in on some great action.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.
Silver Buttonwood

Silver buttonwood (Conocarpus erectus var. sericeus) is a native tree or shrub whose soft silvery leaves, gnarled bark, and button-like fruit give it great ornamental value. Left to itself, it will develop as a multi-trunk shrub but is often pruned to tree shape.

As a tree, it typically reaches about 35 feet tall with a wide spread. Indigenous to tropical coasts and highly drought- and salt-tolerant, it will grow in sandy soil, so it’s a good choice for coastal landscapes. It will even grow in boggy areas or as a container or bonsai plant. It is exceptionally hardy, but it will not tolerate frost or shade.

Widely used as a hedge in South Florida, it unfortunately often suffers from repeatedly flat shearing off. It will live longer and be more beautiful if allowed to assume a natural form.

Dense silky hairs give the leaves their soft texture and silvery gray color. The oblong or lance-like leaves are two to four inches long with pointed tips.

Inconspicuous greenish flowers appear throughout the year, followed by reddish brown fruit, cone-shaped one-half-inch “buttons.” The deeply furrowed gnarled bark on older specimens gives the tree character and also provides a good growing platform for epiphytes such as bromeliads and orchids.

Propagate it with cuttings or with seeds. Sources: floridata.com, eds.ifas.ufl.edu, and Native Florida Plants by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell.

Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create a low-maintenance, drought-tolerant, hurricane- and pest-resistant South Florida landscape.

A smaller cultivar of silver buttonwood is commonly used for median and roadside plantings.
Charlie Reinhardt is a 13-year-old seventh grader at The Sanibel School, and since last summer, he has been a valuable junior docent at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.

Diane Thomas, the museum’s public programs specialist, “discovered” Charlie while he was working at a horse conch display during the 2010 Shell Fair on Sanibel.

“I saw what a good communicator he was and how engaged he was and enthusiastic,” she said. “I figured that he would be just the person we could use for our live tank program.”

As student at The Sanibel School, Charlie is required to perform volunteer work for his community service requirement, so as a shell lover, he chose the shell museum to fulfill those hours.

After several training sessions and tutorials, Charlie was ready to pitch in with any task that came his way. Several days a week this summer he assisted youth campers with projects, led live tank presentations for museum guests and worked with young visitors on their shell sketches.

“Charlie is a delightful young man,” Thomas said. “He is very responsive and willing to help, no matter what you ask of him. It’s a pleasure to work with him.”

Fortunately, Charlie isn’t shy when it comes to his job. “I wouldn’t mind to stand in front of a million people and tell them about shells,” he said.

He speaks and understands some German, so he is able to communicate with those visitors who appreciate the translation. Considering that he plans to be a world traveler, Charlie enjoys his encounters with guests from different countries. “It’s cool,” he said. “I find it really interesting.”

When he’s not busy with school, he enjoys shelling, fishing, making shell crafts and jewelry, and learning to fly an airplane. He also is interested in running an Internet-based business in which he buys and sells, among other things, baseball cards and remote control cars, planes and boats.

For now, the future pilot plans to keep helping others at the shell museum. “It’s just meeting different people and having fun while you’re teaching them,” he said about his docent duties.

Thomas would love to have more junior docents like Charlie walk through the door to volunteer. “I think it’s important to have a strong junior docent group staff,” she said. “The hope is to have some kids that will really get involved with it and show up and be there and be the teacher for their peers and the other adult visitors, and also learn a lot about mollusks.”

To become a junior docent (ages 11 to 13), contact Thomas at 395-2233, or at dothomas@shellmuseum.org.©
Animals Are The Stars At This Show

submitted by Claudia Burns

The CROW Picture Show offers an insider’s look at why critters come to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), and features photos of the wild animals who wind up there.

Last year, CROW cared for 4,111 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the more than 200 different species, 54 percent were birds, 38 percent were mammals, and eight percent were reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation visitors can see photos of current and past patients, with commentary by CROW fellow Hilaire Sampson, a senior at Wichita State University who is majoring in biology. Hilaire will be working/learning at CROW until the end of this year and plans to become a veterinarian.

The CROW Picture Show is presented each Friday at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission for adults is $5, teens $3, and free for members and children 12 and under.

Admission includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore CROW’s hands-on educational facility and become familiar with its efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information, call 472-3644, ext. 231. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org.

Baby Screech owl on an herb jar

Baby gopher tortoise

Bandaged armadillo

Bandaged fawn

Maritime Trivia

by Bryan Henry

The first porpoise born in captivity occurred at Marineland in Florida on February 14, 1940.

- Many species of shrimp change colors as camouflage. Shrimp also change sex as they grow, being first male and then female.
- Florida averages the greatest number of shark attacks annually, with 13.
- Fish, like humans, use body language. They communicate by a flip of the fin, arch of the back, changing colors, etc.
- Only about four percent of our oceans remain free from human impact.
- Starfish have an eye spot on the end of each arm that senses light.
- About three-quarters of the world’s coral reefs are extinct or threatened.
- Time it takes for one aluminum can to decompose in our oceans: 200 years.
- Don’t throw anything into our oceans, especially cigarettes, which are harmful and maybe even deadly to playful marine life and fish that will accidentally ingest such objects through pure curiosity. They confuse foreign objects with fishing lures, insects, food, etc.
- Shellabration 2012 will mark the 75th annual Sanibel Shell Fair and Show. Plans are under way for an island-wide celebration February 26 through March 4.

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Chimney Swifts

by Emilie Alfino

This year CROW found itself with 18 tiny, noisy chimney swifts to raise. Arriving from different sources, the birds needed to be at CROW because they were babies and wouldn’t survive without the clinic’s care. The brood arrived toward the end of June.

“I can’t remember in years past getting more than three or four all year,” said Dr. Amber McNamara. “In the past we have tried very hard to send a staff member to put them back in the chimney.”

Put birds back in a chimney? That might sound crazy, but that’s exactly where the birds should be at this early stage of their lives. Nowadays, chimney swifts mainly nest in man-made structures such as large open chimneys. The nest is made of twigs glued together with saliva and stuck to the chimney wall. The nest looks like a tiny half-basket you might buy to hang on the wall, maybe for a flower arrangement. These birds then lay three to seven white eggs. The incubation period is about 20 days, and the fledglings leave the nest after a month. After that, the birds have nothing whatsoever to do with chimneys.

Homeowners usually find chimney swifts in their fireplaces, and in the case of this year’s little patients, Dr. Amber wondered if the weather could have had something to do with the larger number of birds ending up at CROW.

“When I first came here, I was amazed how many people had chimneys, first of all. These are noisy birds, just amazingly loud. If homeowners don’t hear them beforehand, they find them when they fall into the fireplace and maybe for a flower arrangement. These birds then lay three to seven white eggs. The incubation period is about 20 days, and the fledglings leave the nest after a month. After that, the birds have nothing whatsoever to do with chimneys.

Feeding the swifts is a challenge, but one Dr. Amber has mastered. The eyedropper contains mashed, almost liquefied kitten chow that must be fed through an eyedropper as the little patients cling upright to the cage’s netting.

had just fallen from the nest and the owner wasn’t able to get them back up there,” Dr. Amber explained. “Some were single birds, some pairs, and some larger groups of four or five.”

Caring for chimney swifts isn’t easy, either. According to Dr. Amber, all baby bird care is labor intensive, but the swifts are even more so. “These birds can be really tricky because the way they feed is different from the other songbirds. It takes a little more patience to feed them,” Dr. Amber explained. “Also, they don’t sit in a nest — they cling to something vertical.

“They are very challenging not only to feed but to keep clean, and then to fledge them can be hard,” Dr. Amber added. “Normally they fly right out of the chimney into the flock, and we don’t have an artificial chimney here.

The rehabilitation of chimney swifts is so complicated, in fact, that there is an entire book devoted to it on the doctor’s shelf. “So you can see there’s a lot happening here if there’s a need for an entire book on it,” Dr. Amber said. “Being able to dedicate to them the care they need and also take care of our other patients is very demanding, but we did it and are still doing it.”

The birds start out in a little plastic aquarium with a washcloth draped over the side so they have something to cling to. They’re fed soaked kitten chow every hour to 1 ½ hours. After they get a little bigger, they’re moved to a Reptarium, which is a rectangular, netted plastic frame cage that zips all the way around. It’s made for reptiles but is perfect for the swifts because they can get their tiny toenails into the netting and just hang on.

“We put them in this when they get to the point of wanting to flap their wings,” Dr. Amber explained. “We have a heat lamp on it so if they want a warm spot they can go to that end; if they want to be cooler, they can go to the other end.”

Chimney swifts construct their small but sturdy nests designed to nestle against an inside chimney wall.
Turtle Tracks

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is sponsoring Turtle Tracks at the Nature Center at 9 a.m. on Thursdays. This interpretive program delves into the life cycle of the sea turtles that nest on the beaches. Participants start at the turtle exhibit and then go to a beach site to discuss their nesting habitat and other fascinating marine life.

Cost for this program is $5 for adults and free for children; a beach parking fee of $2 per car is necessary at the beach site.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation monitors the sea turtle nests on Sanibel and Captiva. If you have questions about the Turtle Tracks program or the sea turtle research program, call the foundation’s Nature Center at 472-2329.

As the swifts get bigger and are ready to start doing some flying, they head outside to one of CROW’s aviaries with netting so they can climb. They all tend to get together in one big bunch; it doesn’t matter who’s related. “Unlike the other songbirds, who tend to eat food out of a bowl, these guys eat bugs out of the air – so we have to feed them until they’re ready to go and be released; it isn’t possible for us to feed them bugs in mid-air,” Dr. Amber said.

As Dr. Amber fed the demanding little open-mouthed birds their nearly liquid kitten chow through an eyedropper, they clung to the cage’s netting in a tight, noisy group. It was obvious they were ready to go – you’ll see them start to fly around the cage.” Dr. Amber recalled. “They’re very acrobatic; they’ll do these little maneuvers. And once they start doing that, it’s time for them to go.”

On Friday, July 15, Dr. Amber released eight of the birds. She took them back to a spot where several of them had been found. “It was a really quiet street. As I was pulling up, I saw one chimney swift flying and then heard others in that little area,” Dr. Amber recalled. “Within a few seconds there were about 30 of them overhead. They’re very welcoming to the new birds – the more the merrier seems to be their motto. It was one of the coolest releases I’ve ever done.”

Eight of the swifts are still at CROW, growing stronger and preparing for release.

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Gator Tales

Alligator water dance

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Turtles, Tortoises, And Terrapins

There are 15 species of turtles documented for Sanibel and Captiva. These include sea turtles, ornate diamondback terrapins, Florida box turtles, and gopher tortoises. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation does sea turtle nest monitoring in the summer, counts gopher tortoise burrows in October, and does surveys in protected wetlands for the other fresh water turtle species. Learn about the diamondback terrapins that live in the mangroves that were once eaten in turtle soup. Jewel, Gem, and Handsome are swimming in their own 220-gallon tank. Watch Lucky, the softshell turtle, inhale her food like a vacuum cleaner while snorkeling in her tank. Meet Happy the five-year-old snapping turtle. Alice the gopher tortoise is back in her summer burrow behind the nature center.

Join SCCF on Tuesday, August 23 at 10 a.m. to learn more about the Turtles, Tortoises, and Terrapins of Sanibel and Captiva. Following a PowerPoint presentation, the group will tour the live tanks. Cost of the program is $5; SCCF members and children are free. Call 472-2329 for more information.

Sea Turtle Data

Below are the details of sea turtle activity on the islands as well as the previous two years for comparison.

As of August 5, 2011
Sanibel East: 35 nests, 83 false crawls*, 11 hatches
Sanibel West: 237 nests, 355 false crawls, 67 hatches
Captiva: 76 nests, 54 false crawls, 36 hatches

As of August 5, 2010
Sanibel East: 20 nests, 65 false crawls, 1 hatch
Sanibel West: 135 nests, 239 false crawls, 35 hatches
Captiva: 60 nests, 117 false crawls, 23 hatches

As of August 5, 2009
Sanibel East: 27 nests, 57 false crawls, 6 hatches
Sanibel West: 147 nests, 176 false crawls, 60 hatches
Captiva: 80 nests, 67 false crawls, 31 hatches

*false crawl – a failed nesting attempt

If you have questions, or would like to know more about sea turtles on Sanibel, contact seaturtle@sccf.org or call the Turtle Office at 472-2329 ext. 228.

Shell Museum

Accepting Photo Contest Entries

Last year’s winning entry was submitted by Adrian Gonzalez Guillén

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is offering amateur shutterbugs an opportunity to capture images of live mollusks in their natural habitats during the museum’s 2nd Annual Live Mollusk Photography Competition. Photos of live mollusks eating, moving, mating, etc., are eligible for the contest. Entries will be accepted at the museum until November 1 (including electronically submitted pictures). The winning submissions will be announced during the museum’s anniversary celebration November 14 through 18. The top photos will be displayed on the museum’s website, Facebook page, and in the lobby. A list of contest rules and judging criteria, and the registration form to be completed and emailed with each entry, can be found on the museum’s website at www.shellmuseum.org. Send all inquiries and entries to Diane Thomas (dthomas@shellmuseum.org), or contact the shell museum at 395-2233.

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Broadway Palm Supper Club

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre presents two weeks of dinner, dancing and live music at The Broadway Palm Supper Club, August 18 through August 28.

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The Supper Club will hark back to the 40s, 50s and other decades. The musical styles include Latin, World War II, Sinatra songs, Swing, and a crooner segment of love songs, including *Fly Me To The Moon*, *World on a String*, *Mambo Caliente*, *You’ll Never Know*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *Satin Doll*, *Tequila* and *At Last*.

With the resurgence of dance shows, dance has again become one of the fastest growing trends across the country. Fred Astaire Dance Studios is partnering with The Broadway Palm Supper Club offering dance tips, dance lessons and showcasing various dance styles at each performance.

For more information about Fred Astaire Dance Studios, go to www.FredAstaire.com or call (239) 939-1517.

The Supper Club will take place Thursday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Tickets are $39 per person for the dinner buffet and dancing. For tickets call 278-4422, log onto www.BroadwayPalm.com or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

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Many Shellabration Events Planned

Planning continues for Shellabration! 2012, an island wide, weeklong celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show February 26 through March 4.

Activities will include the annual three-day fair and show held at The Community House, plus special lectures, displays, merchandise, food, drink and contests across the island.

Shellabration organizers plan to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the most people doing the Sanibel Stoop, then head over to She Sells Sea Shells and purchase a sailor’s Valentine or to Amy’s Something Special and buy a locally made shell pendant.

For a special taste of the island, Timbers Restaurant will have edible mollusks, Sweet Melissa’s will offer a special dessert and The Great White Grill will have a special blend beer.

To share the culture and rich history of the island, The Sanibel Historical Museum will have several shell collections on display, including one from Thomas Edison. Big Arts will have a shell-themed art exhibit in the Gallery and the Sanibel Public Library has more than 350 shell-related books that will be on display along with the fossil shell display, including some 5-million-year-old specimens. MacIntosh Books & Paper will host a book signing.

Children will be invited to create a special Shellabration! work of art and enter a coloring contest at Cheebuger Cheeburger.

For entertainment, there will be a gala at the Island Inn, a fashion show featuring unique shell adorned garments at Sweet Melissa’s and an ice cream social and production of *In Celebration of Ann Morrow Lindbergh* by Rusty Brown at The Community House.

Billy’s Bikes will offer an island experience by bicycle and a sunset yoga session will be held on the beach amongst Sanibel’s’ world famous seashells. The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will offer free admission on Monday, February 27.

Complete details of all events and promotions, including a calendar can be found at www.shellabration2012.com.

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Sanibel-Captiva Art League

San-Cap Art League Exhibits

As part of their goal to provide encouragement, enrichment and education in the visual arts to the community, Art League members are pleased to present their paintings in the Sanibel Public Library and in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery. These annual art shows are not juried and the artists have an opportunity to exhibit work that is colorful, creative, expressive, experimental and unique. Some of the work is

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- Pat Smart
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decorative and can be hung in a collector’s home or business, as a corporate investment or given as a gift. Other paintings represent intriguing insights into the artists’ interpretations of a variety of subjects.

In Phillips Gallery, 395-0900, on view through August 31 are 11 banners made by students through a collaborative effort with the Human Trafficking Awareness Project. These colorful banners are their interpretive effort to use their art skills to bring these social concerns to the attention of their peers and to the public.

In Sanibel Public Library, 472-2483, there are paintings hanging throughout

including the newly built computer and media area. They can be seen during regular hours. For more information about the Sanibel-Captiva Art League write to PO Box 1192, Sanibel FL 33957 or log on to www.sancapart.com.

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Sophomore Wins First Prize At International Piano Competition

Priscila Navarro

Priscila Navarro, a sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music, won first prize for her performance at the International Piano Competition in Lima, Peru on July 25. The 17-year-old piano music performance major from Peru studies with head of keyboard studies at the Bower School of Music, Dr. Michael Baron.

As part of her award, Navarro will be sent on an all-expense-paid trip to study Chopin for two weeks at the Warsaw Conservatory in Poland. The competition was open to all South American pianists up to the age of 30 and consisted of three rounds. The ceremony was held at the auditorium of the Centro Cultural de Petroperu and was attended by members of the jury chaired by Alexandre Lustchensky Raphael, professor at Chopin Music University Warsaw, and representatives of the Polish Embassy and the National Conservatory of Music.

Earlier this summer, Navarro was awarded a full scholarship to study piano at the Tanglewood Festival in Lenox, Massachusetts. In August, she will be performing as soloist in a Chopin Concerto with the National Orchestra of Peru.

Last year, she won the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Senior Competition for the State of Florida; the MTNA Piano Duet Competition for the State of Florida; the Regional Senior MTNA Competition (in which the winners of nine states compete against each other); and the Regional Piano Duet MTNA Division Competition. She was also a winner of the Ars Flores National Concerto Competition in Fort Lauderdale.

“I am very proud of Priscila for winning this latest major competition,” said Baron. “She has brought significant distinction to the Bower School of Music on an international level while maintaining a 3.88 GPA.”

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Shell Museum Resort Program

Family vacations are great, but did you ever find yourself dreaming of a few hours of adult play time? Maybe Mom and Dad have shopping in mind without the stress of assuring fragile gift shop objects will remain on the shelves. Perhaps your favorite book is calling, or you wish you could have a meal and grown-up conversations. Do you ever have the vision of walking hand and hand down the beach, but linking with only one set of hands?

Parents can drop the children off for 2½ hours of guilt-free adult time. Your children won’t even know you’re gone, because they will be reading about molusks, playing educational games, creating shell craft projects, making fact wheels or pop-up books, and doing creative writing.

The program is appropriate for ages five through 12 at $15 per child. Classes will be held at the from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on August 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30 and September 1.

To register call Diane Thomas at 395-2233, or email dothomas@shellmuseum.org.

Registration is required by 3 p.m. Monday for Tuesday sessions and 3 p.m. Wednesday for Thursday sessions.

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2 cloves garlic, minced
1 28-ounce can Italian-style tomatoes, drained and diced
½ cup clam juice or fish stock
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons fresh basil, minced
¼ teaspoon fresh oregano, minced
¼ teaspoon fresh thyme, minced
¼ teaspoon fresh rosemary, minced
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/3 cup heavy cream
salt and pepper to taste
1 pound penne pasta

Cut lobster tail meat into bite-size pieces. In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat; add onion and garlic and sauté 10 minutes until onion is soft. Add tomatoes, clam juice, vinegar, herbs and cayenne; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer five to eight minutes. Slowly stir cream into the sauce; add lobster pieces and simmer 20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook pasta in boiling salted water until just tender; drain and return to pot. Pour the lobster sauce over and toss to coat.

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New Drink Has Been Named

Since 2006, Doc Ford’s Rum Bar & Grille has supported Sanibel-Captiva Cares in a unique and fun way. Each year at the Sanibel-Captiva Cares live auction, attendees bid on a Name That Drink opportunity to create their own special drink to be sold at Doc Ford’s. Doc Ford’s donates $1 per drink sold at both the Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach locations to The Children’s Hospital. This year’s winner, Harry Silverglide, created the Silverglider, concocted of Exotico Silver Tequila, lemonade, agave, fresh lime and a splash of pineapple rimmed with sugar and salt and served on the rocks. In the past six years, over $137,000 has been raised by the Name That Drink for The Children’s Hospital.

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October Calendar Of Events
Southwest Florida Symphony

October 19, Southwest Florida Symphony annual meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Bell Tower Shops, Fort Myers. Reception at 4:30 p.m., meeting begins at 5 p.m. followed by the board meeting.

October 29, Murder at the Oasis/Arabian Nights, 7 to 11 p.m., at The White Orchid adjacent to the Oasis Towers, Fort Myers, $75 per person and VIP tickets available for $125 per person. Unravel the clues and solve a mystery as the Southwest Florida Symphony plays a live, interactive game of whodunit with an Arabian Nights theme. There will be silent auction items and entertainment by members of the Southwest Florida Symphony.

All of the suspects will be strolling the grounds of the White Orchid during the course of the game to help guests narrow down their choices of which musical instrument was involved as the weapon, where the terrible plot occurred and who performed the deadly blow. Costumes or themed attire are encouraged.

Opening night at the Symphony is November 5, Master Works I, featuring Brahms' Symphony no. 2 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

For information about the 2011-12 Southwest Florida Symphony season and to purchase concert and event tickets, call the Southwest Florida Symphony box office at 418-1500 or go to www.swflso.org/tickets.

Follow The Canvas Video
Remembers 9-11

9-11 was one of the darkest days in American history. Ten years later, the nation continues to endure tremendous suffering after nearly 3,000 people lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the United States.

On this somber anniversary, artist Leoma Lovegrove’s mission is to memorialize the victims and honor their families with one goal in mind: Never Forget. Follow the Canvas is a video depiction of the story of Lovegrove’s passion and the community coming together to honor the memory. Lovegrove has created a canvas that depicts the name of every human being who lost their life that fateful day. Follow the Canvas showcases the journey this canvas takes throughout Southwest Florida and how the people of this community remember that tragic day.

Every name of every victim is memorialized on the Remember 9-11 Tenth Year Canvas. Lovegrove’s vision uses the victims’ names as the basis and the strength of her memorial. The names are the foundation for her artistic vision – her hope that despite the evil of 9-11, America’s heritage is strong and freedom will always prevail.

The Follow the Canvas video brings the story to life. Follow the Canvas showcases Americans wanting to support the survivors and families who’ve lost everything. As Lovegrove’s billboard-sized tribute travels throughout the Southwest Florida community, hear the sometimes tragic, sometimes hopeful and always poignant reasons why people want to take part in the project. Hear parents using “paint the canvas” events to teach their children about this dreadful day. Hear how people who have lived through the suffering continue to heal. Hear why painting the actual name of a 9-11 victim is a tremendous act of healing.

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Raymond Buck’s first book of poems, South of Providence, was

published in 2009. A member of a Sanibel writing group, he reads his
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about the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village on Sanibel Island.

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FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2011

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Venus might be your ruling planet, but Mars is in the picture as well. So don’t be surprised if your romantic relationships are a bit rocky this time. But they’ll soon smooth over.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Geminis might rush into romance and risk being wrong necessary, redirect them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) With all (or most) of those pesky problems behind you, take time for your family and friends. Travel aspects are favored, with long-distance journeys high on the list.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have started to question the wisdom of being not facing that new challenge alone. You now have someone at your side, ready to offer whatever support you might need.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your versatility -- which is just one of those aspects of yourself that make you so special -- helps you adapt to the challenges of a new and exciting opportunity.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sensitive nature picks up on the needs of others. But what about your desires? You need to take more time to assess what your goals are and, if necessary, redirect them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You give your trust openly and easily. People find you easy to be with and enjoy your wit, your good sense, and your capacity to love and be loved.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Aug. 15, 1939, John White, the governor of the Roanoke Island colony in present-day North Carolina, returns from a supply trip to England to find no trace of the 100 colonists he left behind. The only clue to their disappearance was the word “CROATOAN” carved into the palisade around the settlement.
- On Aug. 17, 1877, William “Billy the Kid” Bonney kills his first man, an Arizona blacksmith. Just how many men Billy the Kid killed is uncertain. He reportedly once claimed he had killed 21 men, “one for every year of my life.”
- On Aug. 15, 1914, the Panama Canal, the American-built waterway across the Isthmus of Panama connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, is inaugurated. U.S. engineers moved nearly 240 million cubic yards of earth and spent close to $400 million in constructing the 40-mile-long canal.
- On Aug. 21, 1920, Daphne Milne, wife of English writer A.A. Milne, gives birth to a son, Christopher Robin Milne. When Christopher Robin received a stuffed bear as a present, his father began writing a series of stories about the bear. Christopher Robin was immortalized in A.A. Milne’s books “Winnie-the-Pooh” and “The House at Pooh Corner.”
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted psychiatrist and sleep researcher William C. Dement who made the following sage observation: “Dreaming permits each and every one of us to be quietly and safely insane every night of our lives.”

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• Some species of squid can swim up to 35 mph.
• If you’re an avid hiker, you might want to keep in mind that the most dangerous trail in America, according to Backpacker magazine, is located in Canyonlands National Park in Utah. The trail known as The Maze earned this distinction thanks to numerous dead-end canyons, few sources of water and temperatures that soar to over 100 degrees F. in summer.
• It was found that the most dangerous trail in America.
• Of the 24 book discussion meeting.
• The Sanibel Public Library, The 2 p.m. meeting is free and open to the public. Carole Fallon will be leading the group discussion.
• About the book: Gabriel Lightfoot, executive chef at a London hotel, is juggling many pots to achieve success, but when a worker is found dead in the kitchen’s basement, his balancing act is disturbed. Then when an attractive young woman with ties to the dead man enters his life, he makes a decision that will change the course of the life he knew and the future he thought he wanted.
• The group discussion begins promptly at 2 p.m. in the library’s ground floor meeting room across from the elevator (Meeting Room 4). It is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the lively discussion, but all are welcome. Call the library with any questions at 472-2483.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“It’s not a good idea to put your wife into a novel; not your latest wife, anyway.” — Norman Mailer

Book Discussion
Readers are invited to discuss In the Kitchen, by Monica Ali, the focus of the Wednesday, August 24 book discussion meeting at the Sanibel Public Library. The 2 p.m. meeting is free and open to the public. Carole Fallon will be leading the group discussion.

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Book Release
Former patrons of Ed Hanley’s Neptune’s Treasures store on Sanibel are excited that his autobiography, Tales of Neptune’s Treasures, has just been released by Snowbird Press.

This 380-page, soft-bound book includes 80 photographs of his exciting life and experiences scuba diving, shell-fishing, fossil hunting, and treasure hunting. His childhood and military experiences are recounted, as well as reflections on his family and people he has met in operating Neptune’s Treasures for over a quarter of a century.

Included as an appendix to this book are all the articles he wrote concerning the various shells one may find on Sanibel.

To purchase a copy by mail, the price is $23.50, which includes the cost of postage and handling within the continental United States. Florida residents must include an additional $1.20 state sales tax. Make your check or money order payable to Snowbird Press, 27876 Cragmont Drive, Evergreen, Colorado 80439.

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2010, San Francisco’s Buster Posey had a 21-game hitting streak, the longest by a Giants rookie since when?

2. Three pitchers between 1966 and 1987 started at least 20 games a season for 20 consecutive seasons. Name two of them.

3. Who was the first football player in ACC history to have at least 1,000 yards rushing and 500 yards receiving in the same season?

4. Name the last NBA player before New Orleans’ Chris Paul in 2007-08 to average at least 20 points, 10 assists and 2.5 steals for a season.

5. What NHL team other than the Edmonton Oilers (five times) has tallied 400-plus goals for a season?

6. In 1928, Sonja Henie became the youngest Olympic figure-skating champion. How old was she?

7. Who was the last men’s golfer before Tiger Woods (2005-06) and Padraig Harrington (2007-08) to win consecutive British Opens?

ANSWERS


2. Don Sutton (22 seasons), Phil Niekro (21 seasons) and Tom Seaver (20 seasons).


4. Detroit’s Isiah Thomas, in the 1983-84 season.

5. None.

6. Henie was 15 years, 315 days old.


Member Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Lori Shuster as its member of the month.

Shuster and her family have been residents of Sanibel and members of the rec center for 3 ½ years. She was motivated to join the rec center for the variety of amenities that are available, ranging from youth programming to community events and fitness offerings. Shuster loves the convenience of the rec center and the affordability. She was a stay-at-home mom for over 15 years and considered herself to be out of shape prior to moving to Sanibel. She has changed her outlook on food and health and has become active with help from the rec center staff.

When asked how being a member has been beneficial to her health and well-being, Shuster said, “This whole island has helped me lose weight. Being a member of the Sanibel Recreation Center has helped me lose 110 pounds. It is located between my house and work, so there are no excuses! Plus to see the retired community work so hard to maintain a healthy lifestyle has helped me to want to be healthier.” She has fallen in love with working out and feeling great.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.
PGA Tips

Fairway Bunker Shots

by Matt Oakley, PGA Golf Professional

Fairway bunker shots can really be difficult if you do not have the proper set-up. Once you are set up correctly it is actually quite an easy shot, no different than from the fairway. The key is hitting the golf ball first, then the sand. Here are a few tips to get you hitting your fairway bunker shots on to the green and next to the pin in no time:

1. Set-Up
   a. As you enter the bunker, take notice of what the sand feels like beneath your feet. Is it soft or firm? In either case we want to dig our feet in only a little bit just enough to get firm footing, do not dig like you are trying to reach China! If you dig yourself too low into the sand you are more likely to hit the sand first, then the ball and lose dramatic distance on the shot.
   b. Choke down on the club an equal amount that your feet dug into the sand (dig down an inch, choke down an inch). This allows you to hit the ball first, then the sand. If the club is too long you will hit the sand first because the club wants to hit the sand. If the club is too long you will hit the sand first because the club wants to bottom out too low.
   c. Since you are choking down on the club, take one more club than the distance of the shot normally requires (if it is an 8-iron distance then hit a 7-iron).
   d. Place the ball a little further back in your stance than normal, this allows you to strike the ball first, then the sand.

2. The Strike
   a. Concentrate on keeping the head and lower body completely still during the swing. This creates solid contact (easier to hit a still target than a moving target). This swing should feel like it is all shoulder, arms and wrists. The less moving parts, the less margin of error.
   b. Focus your eyes in front of the golf ball. If you look behind the golf ball you will probably strike it there and get sand first.
   c. Strike the golf ball, then the sand.

3. The Finish
   a. After the strike, follow through to a full, balanced finish. Schedule a lesson with your PGA professionals on this important weapon in your arsenal!

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There’s More To The Story Of Why Tiger Woods Hired A New Caddie

by Ed Frank

Tiger Woods has hired a new caddie, Bryon Bell, to assist him in his quest for golf domination. The story behind Wood’s hiring of Bell lies in the fact that Bell was running his own golf course development company. And, according to Woods, the slumping economy has resulted in little or no work for the firm.

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That does not come as a surprise as recent figures from the National Golf Foundation showed that 2010 marked the fifth consecutive year that the closing of golf courses far outpaced the openings of new courses.

In fact, in 2010 the ratio was more than two to one; 107 closures compared to just 46 new 18-hole courses.

From 2006 to 2010, the total net loss of golf courses in the United States was 220, according to the golf foundation.

While Florida continues to lead the nation with 1,218 courses, it has not been exempt from the decline with dozens of courses going bankrupt and others being converted to other purposes.

Considering the severity of the economy in recent years, the fact that shuttering of golf courses far outnumbered the opening of new facilities poses a wide degree of interpretation according to who is doing the explaining.

“The total loss of 220 18-hole golf courses from 2006 to 2010 represents only 1.5 percent of total supply,” the golf foundation reports.

However, it should be noted that the number of rounds played last year in the United States was 43 million less than the number played in 2000.

On the plus side, the states with the most openings last year were Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois, North Carolina and Texas. More than 60 percent of these were daily fee courses, not private courses.

So what is the actual status of the golf industry in the United States – suffering or prospering?

The answer probably lies somewhere in the middle.

**Miracle Win First Series in Last Five; Wimmers Shows Progress**

The Fort Myers Miracle captured their first series win in the last five by winning two of three games from the Palm Beach Cardinals last weekend. The series victory improved the Miracle’s second-half season record to 17-27.

Encouraging was the performance of pitcher Alex Wimmers, the Minnesota Twins 2010 first-round draft pick, who had been sidelined most of this season.

In Saturday night’s 6-0 win over Palm Beach in Jupiter, Wimmers pitched the final four shut-out innings while striking out six and allowing only two hits.

In seven appearances since returning from the disabled list, he has appeared only in relief roles.

Fort Myers is home this weekend at Hammond Stadium facing the same Palm Beach Cardinals with a 7:05 p.m. start Friday, 6:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday.

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Recipes Written In Russian?

by Craig R. Hersch, Florida Bar Board Certified Wills, Trusts & Estates Attorney; CPA

Last Sunday night I cooked dinner with my youngest daughter, Madison who is in 6th grade. She found a recipe that she was interested in making so we went together to the grocery store to buy all the ingredients. She dutifully diced the chicken, prepared the vegetables and mixed the spices. We seared it all in the wok and served it to her two older sisters—who are finicky eaters. They took some tentative tastes – then dug in! Chef Madi’s dinner was a big hit!

The cookbook that Madi and I used was written in simple language – one that a child could follow. Too bad that certain types of recipes that I commonly use in my law practice can’t be written that way. In fact, if you ever read the pronouncements. Words like “pecuniary amount” and “fractional formula relating to numerators and denominators” are used to direct the trustee.

But here’s the funny thing about these provisions – they’re not all the same and they’re not forms. Just as some food recipes result in a beef dish while others cook up a vegetarian meal, the formula clauses that are used in your estate planning documents should be tailored to the types of assets that you own, whether or not you are married and how many generations of your family your trust is designed to benefit.

Certain types of formulas allow your executor or trustee to pick and choose which assets of yours should be held in the marital trust and which assets should be held in the credit shelter trust. Other types of formulas make the trustee allocate all of the different types of assets more or less proportionately amongst the marital trust and family trust. Each of these different formulas has a distinct set of advantages and disadvantages, with differing income and estate tax results.

So how do you pick these formulas? In most cases you won’t. Your estate-planning attorney will do it for you. If you have the curiosity – and if you really want to impress your attorney – ask him why he chose the formula he did. If he can’t give you a straight answer on this then he might not understand the differences himself and you might need more of a specialist.

But here’s something that you should know in any event – and that’s this: These formula clauses often change over time. The tax laws change, which usu-

atically necessitate a change in your formula clause. Along the same line, when the types of assets that you own change, then it’s important for your formula clause to change. If you happen to be a surviving spouse and you are leaving amounts to your children and grandchildren, then that’s yet another reason for your formula clause to change.

What happens if you have an out of date formula? It’s kind of like having stale ingredients for your recipe. The meal’s not going to turn out so well. Chances are you’re going to have to trash it and go to a restaurant, spending a lot of money on a meal that you never intended to buy.

So if your will or trust has sat locked up in your safe deposit box for a couple of years it’s time to review your will and trust’s recipe. Believe me when I say that in so doing your family will be glad you did – whether they appreciate it or not! ©2011 Craig R. Hersch. Learn more at www.sbshlaw.com.
Dine In Luxury: Stay At Home!

by Marcia Feeney

Whether you have a library of recipes or one of take-out menus from area restaurants, your home’s dining room is likely reserved for special or celebration meals. As the holidays approach and you start making plans for special meals in your dining room with family and friends, do not forget one of the most important elements of a successful dinner – atmosphere.

Every element in your dining room should contribute to setting the tone and mood of the dinner. Start setting a mood of elegance and sophistication by choosing draperies in soft, rich, sumptuous fabrics. Luxurious fabrics, such as silks, satins, and sheers with iridescent and luminous fibers, enhance the ambiance of any room but are especially effective in creating ambiance in a dining room. Note that these draperies need not be used exclusively for window decor. The entrance to your dining room can be beautifully accented by adding stationary drapery panels at one or both sides of the walls. These draperies, called portières, are pulled back with contrasting fabric, or a cord and tassel. Of course, the architectural style of the room is a key consideration in deciding whether portières are a good choice. Wall coverings, such as wallpaper, tapestries and wall art, can further enhance the mood by adding rich texture and color.

The dining table is probably the next most important element. A round-dining table, for example, increases the sense of coziness and encourages free-flowing conversation. It also allows last-minute guests to be “squeezed in” more comfortably. Dining chairs should be comfortable and covered in fabrics (or leather) that are pleasing to the eye and to the touch.

Lighting in the room is another key ingredient for a successful dinner “recipe.” Connect your chandeliers and other light fixtures in the dining room to dimmers. Light should be enough to allow your guests to appreciate the food you are serving while also bathing the room in a warm and soft glow. Candles are a great way to provide soft, indirect lighting while also setting a romantic or intimate mood. Be careful, however, not to use scented candles at the dinner table. You do not want the candles to compete with the aromas of the meal.

Choose dishes, glassware, and silverware that are appropriate not only to the food you are serving but that also help you set the tone you desire, whether it is formal or more casual. White or solid color dinner plates can coordinate colors to create an interesting table. You do not want the candles to compete with the aromas of the meal.

After the decor is completed, the food has been prepared, and the table is set, sit down and enjoy. Good company, great food, and beautiful surroundings – relax and have fun!

Marcia Feeney is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at marcia@decden.net.

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South Seas Sanibel & Captiva Properties announces its Top Producer awards for the Second Quarter:
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Joni Stokes was recognized as Top Producer in Whole Ownership sales for the month of May.
Virginia Dundoré was recognized as Top Producer in Timeshare sales for April, June and the second quarter.
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SUMMER SPECIALS
Why Does My A/C Run Non-Stop?

by Bryan Hayes

This time of year we receive a great deal of calls and hear this exact question. You’ve gotta love July and August! Usually what happens is that the air conditioning system is doing all it can to keep up.

There are several things at play here and what we have to remember is that air conditioning systems are built to perform at a certain design temperature. What that means is that if you were to take all of the days of the year when the air conditioner is used and average them out, you would come up with your design temperature. This is the temperature average that is used to design the system that will go into your house. While it’s running, the system will cycle on and off at reasonable number times per day and keep you comfortable. During extreme temperatures, as we have seen this July and August, we saw very long run times, higher indoor temperatures than we would like, and to top that, an electric bill to match.

The next question that usually pops up is, “Well, if the system can’t keep up during these extreme temperatures then why don’t you install a larger system?” It may make sense on the onset, but can lead to disaster in the end. Air conditioning is doing just what it was meant to do – conditioning the air inside our home. This means that it’s cooling and dehumidifying the space. If a system is too large for the space that it services it may be cooled before it has an opportunity to remove enough moisture. This can encourage microorganisms to grow.

In the end, it’s normal for a system to run longer to keep up with the rising temperatures. So, just hold on and you’ll be wishing for the long, lazy days of summer before long. Well, at least I will.

Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at Bryan@Sanibelair.com.

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School Smart
by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
I am confused and concerned about children getting concussions while playing school sports. This is now in the news often. Can you give me some information that I can use for my kids?

Bill G., Sanibel, FL

The recent increase in information and awareness about concussions has stemmed from concerns from the professional sports community and is no less important for children. While many students suffer concussions from sports, concussions also result from accidents, fights, and falls from rough and tumble play. Some states are beginning to enact legislation that establishes standards for managing concussions and brain injuries to students and imposing penalties as House Bill 200 does in Pennsylvania. Many other states have proposed legislation to help protect students from concussions and/or related issues to concussions.

Some type of bump or blow to the head and/or body causes a concussion. A concussion as described by Michael Collins, PhD, is an “energy crisis” in the brain, damages brain cells and may cause chemical changes within the brain. Some indicators of a concussion include headache, feeling slowed, difficulty in concentrating, dizziness, lightheadedness, fatigue, visual blurring, light sensitivity, memory dysfunction, and balance. The Centers for Disease Control places concussion symptoms into categories: thinking/remembering, physical, emotional/mood, and sleep. Symptoms can take as long as several weeks to emerge. Each injury is different and must be treated differently based on the diagnosis. Length of recovery depends on the severity of the concussion and the individual. There is no single cure or treatment for a concussion.

Here are some basic safety measures that should be in place including appropriate coaching, enforcement of relevant rules, protective gear – although there are no concussion-proof helmets and quick and accurate assessment of anyone suspected to have sustained a concussion. The skill of the player can also have a role in suffering a concussion. It is imperative that a student stops participating immediately if he or she is experiencing any symptoms of a concussion. A return to play should be approved by the student’s physician, the team trainer, physician and coach as well as the athletic administrator for the school. Working to develop school and district procedures for return to play guidelines would be an excellent joint project for parents and the school.

According to the CDC there are steps you can take to protect your children from concussion during a sports activity: continued on page 47

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Lynyrd Skynyrd Guitarist Visits Lee Memorial Pediatric Care Unit

Lynyrd Skynyrd’s Rickey Medlocke brought big smiles to the children and staff as he paid a visit to patients of the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Unit (PPEC).

Medlocke is a musician who played in two southern rock bands, Blackfoot and Lynyrd Skynyrd, which is well known for hits such as *Sweet Home Alabama* and *Free Bird*. The visit was a special request of one of PPEC’s patients. Medlocke is a part-time resident of Fort Myers.

PPEC, which is a unit of The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, is a friendly and nurturing place for children with special medical needs requiring nursing care and therapy services. In some ways PPEC is like a day care center but, unlike traditional day care, the PPEC provides medical care, developmental planning and interventions, case management, and education and support for parents. Children also receive the benefits of socialization and peer stimulation, which is a unique advantage to this type of program.

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Tower Gallery Displays Work Of 23 Local Artists

by Anne Mitchell

Tower Gallery is perhaps the oldest of the islands’ art galleries and, most certainly, is housed in the oldest building, a 1926 former beach cottage. The gallery dates back 30 years, starting off in Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers in 1981 and landing on Sanibel 25 years ago. It is a cooperative representing 23 local artists, among them painters, sculptors, potters, fabric artists, glass artists and even one – Charlie Brown – who practices the Japanese art of gyotaku, using local fish species to make imprints on paper.

The inside of this charming gallery is just as colorful and exuberant as the multi-colored exterior. It’s a veritable rabbit warren of interconnecting small rooms whose white walls show off all kinds of art to great advantage. There’s even a fireplace and an upstairs.

There are too many artists to mention them all (go to www.towergallery-sanibel.com). You will find plenty of great work here of almost every genre. Each artist takes a turn running the store so you may be fortunate to find the creator of your purchase on hand to make it more personal.

However, Tower Gallery is a treasure trove for gift ideas, many of them affordable and unique, so drop in regularly – there’s always something new.

Here are some impressions from my recent visit:

I almost screamed with delight at Steve Buffer’s Baseboard Mice ($11) – little rodent portraits on wood to place strategically against your wall; and Katie Gardenia’s Pickle Finger Forks, made from old forks artfully forged and bead-embellished, and her Cake Testers, for checking the done-ness of your gateaux with style (includes one of her cake recipes), $20 each.

Connie and Ron Sebring, she a glass artist, he a painter and sculptor, collaborate on their Blarney Stones. He prepares smooth river pebbles with indentations for her fused glass rods to fit into – great gifts and conversation pieces ($48).

Joyce Krivenko’s silver bracelets and amulets are a wonder of swirls and twirls, featuring ceramic, glass and stones. For a hand-made, one-of-a-kind jewelry item, they are well priced at $105 to $115.

Eyecatching too are JoAnne Bedient’s raku creations including cats, clocks, vases, bottles and funky ceramic shoes that look as though they came straight from Lady Gaga’s closet.

Tower Gallery is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., at 751 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel, phone 472-4557.
With not much happening here in the summer, you might have time to stop by Three Crafty Ladies any Thursday for a Make It & Take It bead bracelet class for $3. The store, of course, caters to the needs of crafters of every stripe. It’s at 1628 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-2893.

Out shopping and need refreshment? Dolce Tesoro, in Tahitian Gardens, has cool gelato, espresso and pastries from its in-house bakers. You can sit outside on the elevated, covered deck and watch the world (as we islanders know it) go by. Call 472-4300 for more information.

If you like pizza but are watching your diet, check out Island Pizza, which offers five different crust styles including gluten-free. There’s also crusty cur, deep dish, flatbread and Parmesan herb. The restaurant is at 1619 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-1581, and the take-out is at 2496 Palm Ridge Road, 472-3010.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Over 200 people attended the first Jazz Night last Wednesday at Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn, Sanibel. The response was so good that another Jazz Night is planned for Wednesday, August 24, this time with saxophone player Woody Brubaker, along with Paul Ventura with Father Al and the Jazz Congregation.

Also, Traditions on the Beach has more live music Thursday through Saturday, featuring Joe McCormick, Marvilla Marzan and Barbara Smith. The restaurant is inside the Island Inn at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-4559.

Chip’s Sanibel Steakhouse features Michael David playing light classical guitar on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The steakhouse is at 1473 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-5700.

The Crow’s Nest at Tween Waters Inn, Captiva has entertainment Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. This week the entertainment is by The New Vinyls. Crab races are Mondays and Thursdays with the family show at 5:30 p.m. and grown-up races at 9 p.m. The Crow’s Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

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Vinpocetine To Improve Memory

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

My 80-year-old mother-in-law takes an herb from a flower. It’s called Vinpocetine. She is as sharp as a tack and has the memory of a 20-year-old. She credits this flower pill for it. I’m only 50 and I can’t remember certain words or events in my own life. Have you heard of this, and can it help everyone with memory loss?

SS, Newark, New Jersey

Vinpocetine is one of my favorite memory boosters which may account for sharpness. It’s a semi-synthetic derivative of “vincamine” which comes from the beautiful periwinkle plant and increases blood flow to your brain.

There are many ways to increase blood flow in the body, but not many that can get past the brain’s outerwear, termed the “blood brain barrier.” The fact that vinpocetine can penetrate that helps it deliver more precious oxygen, glucose and nutrients to your brain.

Vinpocetine can improve attention and alertness, and it may have a positive effect on the damaged brain, like for people who have suffered a stroke. Vinpocetine helps drive production of ATP, an energy molecule. Who couldn’t use a bit more brain energy?! Some fairly well-designed studies show that vinpocetine can help with poor night vision, glaucoma or macular degeneration. I think it is worth a try for people with some types of hearing loss, vertigo and Reynaud’s.

Because vinpocetine is so adept at increasing circulation, it begs the question, “Can it improve blood flow to my ailing heart?” I think it can, but do approve this with your physician and cardiologist. Vinpocetine dilates blood vessels, and seems to decrease plaque formation.

I realize some of you will want to start vinpocetine, but please note that like all drugs, there are risks. By increasing blood flow, vinpocetine will interact with all types of blood thinners including warfarin, clopidogrel (brand Plavix), Lovenox and heparin among others. I wouldn’t combine vinpocetine with natural blood thinners either, including ginkgo biloba or ginger. If you are scheduled for dental work, or surgery, please stop the herb two weeks before your visit. Vinpocetine is generally well tolerated at lower doses (like 10 mg per day), but when you get into higher doses (10 mg three or four times daily) then you may begin to experience any of the following: Nausea, indigestion, insomnia, dizziness, hot flashes, dry mouth or headache. If you have any vascular or cardiac issues, please ask your doctor.

If your doctor approves of vinpocetine, buy it at any health food store. As I always say, “Start low!” So begin taking 5 or 10 mg daily. Effects are often noticed the first week. You can always titrate to higher doses if you want to, over a few weeks. Most clinical research trials use about 10 mg three times daily, but again, dosing is very individual and should be customized to your personal medical history and drug regimen.

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy

Q: I am one of those adults who experiences sleep difficulties. I don’t want to take drugs, and I have tried listening to relaxation tapes. Do you have any other suggestions?

A: The fact that you want to sleep using natural methods is definitely workable. The amount of sleep you need varies on several factors, from age to diet to medication. Nevertheless, sleep experts generally agree that seven to nine hours per day is most effective for an average adult (although some people may require more or less). In working with many adults over the years, I have found the following methods to be most effective:

1. Establish a regular bedtime routine such as going to bed approximately the same time every night and waking up the same time every morning.

2. Create an environment that is conducive to effective sleep patterns such as dark, quiet, comfortable, and cool conditions.

3. Use your bedroom only for sleep and lovemaking. No TV.

4. Do not eat anything two to three hours prior to your bedtime.

5. Avoid drinking caffeine and alcohol close to bedtime.

Although you mentioned that the relaxation tapes did not help, perhaps you could vary them and see if one works better for you. I would recommend Bellruth Naparstak’s Healthful Sleep CD. www.healthjourneys.com.

Dr. Clancy is a licensed mental health therapist, certified hypnotherapist, life coach, author and public speaker. You may email Dr. Connie at connie@drcstance.com.☆

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Mom And Me

by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychologist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

Please tell me why some seniors still fall for the financial scams of the telemarketers. It seems to me that advice is given voluntarily turn over their hard-earned nest eggs.

The seniors are probably lonely, depressed, may not read newspapers or discuss their problems with others. Some seniors may have some mental impairment and really need to have their financial assets protected by a professional legal advisor.

Dear Verna,

Telemarketers and scam artists are so darn good at what they do and so plentiful, unfortunately many people can get caught in their webs, young and old alike. Telemarketers and scam artists have a knack of exploiting needs and vulnerabilities. Combine that with an individual experiencing some cognitive or mood changes, and that is a recipe for exploitation. In our area, the attorney general’s office is an invaluable resource to assist individuals who have been exploited. If you have been or know someone who has been exploited, call your local attorney general’s office for assistance.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce’s email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.

Pryce

Dear Verna,

The criminal elements that operate these telemarketing scams are very experienced and know their trade very well. They absolutely have no conscience and will convince vulnerable seniors to voluntarily turn over their hard-earned nest eggs.

The seniors are probably lonely, depressed, may not read newspapers or discuss their problems with others. Some seniors may have some mental impairment and really need to have their financial assets protected by a professional legal advisor.

Dear Verna,

Telemarketers and scam artists are so darn good at what they do and so plentiful, unfortunately many people can get caught in their webs, young and old alike. Telemarketers and scam artists have a knack of exploiting needs and vulnerabilities. Combine that with an individual experiencing some cognitive or mood changes, and that is a recipe for exploitation. In our area, the attorney general’s office is an invaluable resource to assist individuals who have been exploited. If you have been or know someone who has been exploited, call your local attorney general’s office for assistance.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce’s email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.

Disaster Action Team volunteers help people at some of the worst times in their lives

In a typical year, the Red Cross responds to 150 single-family fires in our region. Immediate assistance is provided to these families, no matter the time of day, by well-trained community volunteers. “DAT” members, or Disaster Action Team members, provide these services and are an integral part in how the Red Cross plays out its humanitarian mission across Southwest Florida every day.

Regionally, the Red Cross has more than 500 certified volunteers. However, there is an increasing need to strengthen the number of DAT volunteers. “It’s the most rewarding thing you’ll likely ever do,” said Carlene Sharples, disaster chair for the Lee County Red Cross. “You’re helping people at one of the worst times in their lives.”

DAT teams work on-call in shifts. Typical shifts are 12 or 24 hours, though DAT leaders work carefully to consider individuals’ schedules. These volunteers must be able to work directly with people following disasters, be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver’s license. Standard Red Cross volunteer courses are required and specialized training courses are provided for DAT members.

If you are interested in becoming a DAT volunteer for the Red Cross in Collier County, contact Andy Jerant or Donna Barineau at 596-6868. In Lee County, contact John Cain or Carlene Sharples at 278-3401.

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Dr. Dave

Twitterified

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

"Y ou have to!"

"No, Janelle, we don’t!!"

"Look, you want our advice or not. For Wisequacks to play in this century, you have to tweet."

And so we were dragged, kicking and screaming, into the 140 keystroke world of Twitter. We’ve now got a skookum website and some rockin’ YouTube’s. We podcast like Orca and are twittering away on tweeter these days to say nothing of being completely bookfaced most of the time, or whatever.

Dr. Rob Sealey and I now have four good tweets a week and we feel better for it. It’s a load off our minds to be able to bring to you the medical headlines from across the planet and summarize them in 140 strokes, complete with insightful, detailed commentary. Some of them may cause you to change your insight, but probably not. Those with rheumatoid arthritis found to be predisposed to have COPD (emphysema/bronchitis), and smoking does cause lung disease. Study shows that hard short interval exercise is much healthier than endurance exercise. Doesn’t mean an interval of every three years.

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Actual headline in April archives of Surgery: “Hungover Surgeons (redun-... another good reason to get married.

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Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.

From page 40

School Smart

• Ensure that they follow their coach’s rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
• Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
• Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity (such as helmets, padding, shin guards, and eye and mouth guards). Protective equipment should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.

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The CDC has created some excellent free tools for youth and high school sports coaches, parents, athletes, and health care professionals that provide important information on preventing, recognizing, and responding to a concussion. Visit them at www.cdc.gov/concussion/ for additional information.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.

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Restaurant owners/managers, please e-mail or fax your entertainment schedule to Anne Mitchell at islandsuncity@aol.com or 395-2299.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.)

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For information about this week’s pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services’ website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal’s ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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